(*b*) All possible conveniences for the safe landing and embarking of passengers by means of accommodation ladder at the Pier are afforded by the Port authorities. Steamer agents concerned provide mail boats as means of transport.

(*c*) Government have not considered the question.

Rubber Quota.

247. *MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether any reply has been received from the Government of India to the Travancore Government's representations for increased basic quotas under the Rubber Restriction Ordinance ;

(*b*) how long the negotiations for the increased quota for South India have been going on ; and

(*c*) when they expect that a settlement of the claims of South India for increased quotas will be reached ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) No final reply has been received.

(*b*) For the past eight months.

(*c*) It is not possible to say.

Sea-going Lighters in Alleppey.

248. *MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state the number of sea-going lighters available for shipping and landing cargo at the port of Alleppey ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Twenty-five.

MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN (*Nominated*) : May I know the number of sea-going lighters in 1929 ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : I have not got the information now before me. But I have the figures for the last three years.

MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN (*Nominated*) : Are the Government aware that a couple of days ago four lighters went down near Alleppey?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : I remember to have read something about it in some newspaper.

MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN (*Nominated*) : Do not the Government think that the provision of a tug at Alleppey will facilitate the safe working of these lighters ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN (*Nominated*) : Will the Government therefore be pleased to provide a tug at Alleppey soon ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Sir, the matter formed the subject of an adjournment motion in this House just a few days ago.

PRESIDENT : And it was dealt with exhaustively.

Provision of a Tug at the Alleppey Port.

249. *MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN (*Nominated*) : Will the Government he pleased to state whether they have sanctioned a tug to facilitate landing and shipping of cargo in Alleppey and, if so, when the supply of a tug may be expected ?

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